

# MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(6)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

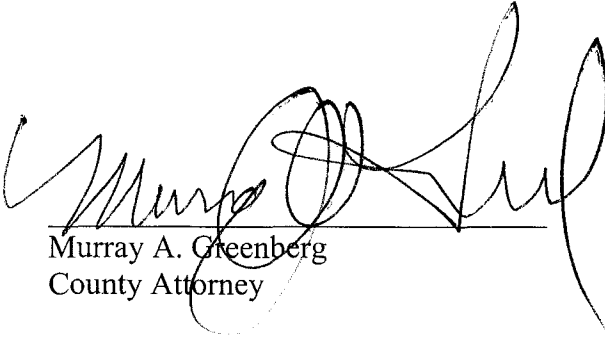
**DATE:** July 18, 2006

**FROM:** Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution supporting U.S.  
E.P.A.'s WaterSense Program

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Natacha Seijas.



Murray A. Greenberg  
County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing
- ☐ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)
- ☐ No committee review



Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor

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Veto \_\_\_\_\_

07-18-06

Override \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING U.S. E.P.A.'s WATERSENSE  
PROGRAM AND DIRECTING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO  
FULLY INCORPORATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE  
WATERSENSE PROGRAM IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S  
POLICY INITIATIVES AND PUBLIC EDUCATION  
PROGRAMMING EFFORTS

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. E.P.A. has initiated a new water efficiency program called WaterSense to educate American consumers on making smart water choices that save money and maintain high environmental standards without compromising performance; and

**WHEREAS**, WaterSense seeks to raise public awareness about the importance of water efficiency, ensure the performance of water-efficient products, and provide good consumer information; and

**WHEREAS**, the WaterSense label will be easily identified on products and services that perform at least 20 percent more efficiently than their less efficient counterparts; and

**WHEREAS**, easily-corrected household water leaks frequently rob consumers of eight percent of their water bill; and

**WHEREAS**, at least 30 percent of water used by household irrigation systems is lost through wind evaporation and improper design, installation or maintenance; and

**WHEREAS**, the average household adopting water efficient products and practices can save 30,000 gallons of water per year which is enough to supply a year of drinking water for 150 homes; and



**WHEREAS**, product manufacturers can certify that their products meet the U.S. E.P.A.'s criteria for water efficiency and performance by following testing protocols specific to each product category; and

**WHEREAS**, such products will be independently tested to ensure E.P.A. specifications are met; and

**WHEREAS**, these products will be available to families and businesses early in 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County is actively developing and promoting water efficiency measures to address the need for an alternative water supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the WaterSense program is perfectly aligned to enhance Miami-Dade County's efforts to reduce the demand for new water supplies,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

**Section 1.** This Board hereby expresses this Board's support for U.S. E.P.A.'s WaterSense Program.

**Section 2.** This Board hereby directs the County Manager to fully incorporate the provisions of the WaterSense Program in Miami-Dade County's policy initiatives and public education programming efforts.



The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Natacha Seijas and offered by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Audrey M. Edmonson	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 18th day of July, 2006. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.



Peter S. Tell